THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Since such decisions require inter-ministerial consultations no definite timeframe is envisaged.

Arrest of SIMI activities

†782. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the banned terrorist organization 'SIMI' have been arrested on account of a number of terrorist incidents in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the total numbers of members the said organization arrested so far; and

(d) the charges against each of the arrested accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the State Governments and NCT Delhi, 179 cases registered against the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) under various provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Indian Penal Code, Explosive Substances Act, Prevention of Terrorism Act, Arms Act, Essential Services Act, etc. These cases are at different stages of trial in the Courts. However, the activities of SIMI are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies.

Federal Police for Terrorism

†783. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the whole country has become insecure on account of expansion of terrorism during the last few years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.